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Identical letters dated 5 January 2003 from the Chargé d'affaires a.i. of the Permanent Mission of Iraq to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General and to the President of the Security Council

On instructions from my Government, I have the honour to transmit to you herewith the daily report for 5 January 2003 on the activities of the inspection teams of the United Nations Monitoring, Verification and Inspection Commission (UNMOVIC) and the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) in Iraq (see annex).

I should be grateful if you would have this letter and its annex circulated as a document of the Security Council.

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Report on the activities of the IAEA and UNMOVIC inspection teams in Iraq on 5 January 2003

I. IAEA inspection team

A group consisting of seven inspectors left the Canal Hotel in Baghdad at 0835 hours and travelled to the site of the Saddam State Enterprise, a complex located in the area of Amiriyah Fallujah, 70 kilometres west of Baghdad. This enterprise is an affiliate of the Military Industrialization Corporation (MIC). Having been placed under the ongoing monitoring regime, it had already been visited by IAEA inspectors on 11 December 2002. On their arrival at the site at 1020 hours, the inspectors met with the Director of the company and asked him for explanations concerning the activities of his establishment and the factories attached to it. The team concentrated its work on the graphite electrode factory, asking questions as to why the enterprise had been set up, the number of persons working there and the changes which had taken place since 1998. The inspectors searched the factory, inspecting all buildings, workshops and warehouses and noting the activities taking place within them. They also examined samples of carbon to be used for the production of graphite electrodes and photographed all the factory buildings and equipment located therein. They also measured radiation levels, using portable equipment, on all roads serving the enterprise and the graphite electrode factory. The team completed its task at 1250 hours and arrived back at the Canal Hotel at 1425 hours.

II. UNMOVIC missile inspection team

1. First group

A group consisting of 18 inspectors left the Canal Hotel at 0830 hours. At 0925 hours it arrived at the site of the State Enterprise 7 Nisan, an MIC affiliate, which produces artillery rockets. On arrival at the enterprise at 0915 hours, the inspectors met with the general manager and requested clarifications concerning the activities of his establishment. They then verified declarations and examined the products produced by the company, inspecting all buildings. The group completed its assignment at 1325 hours and arrived back at the Canal Hotel at 1645 hours.

2. Second group

A second group consisting of four inspectors left the Canal Hotel at 0840 hours, travelling to the site of the Ma'mun factory, an MIC affiliate located 60 kilometres south of Baghdad. Upon their arrival at 0930 hours, the inspectors went to the propellant recipients located in the factory and tagged 15 of them. They then went to the company's administrative offices and inspected the plans of the offices and the company's organizational chart, then carefully inspected certain equipment which had been tagged. The group completed its assignment at 1200 hours and arrived back at the Canal Hotel at 1315 hours.

III. UNMOVIC multidisciplinary (chemical, biological and missile) inspection team

1. First group

A group consisting of 10 inspectors left the Canal Hotel at 0830 hours and travelled to the Aziziyah firing range, located in the Aziziyah region (Wasit governorate). Upon arrival at 1040 hours, the inspectors requested explanations as to what authorities the site came under, its activities, the number of persons working there and the activities which had taken place there since 1998. They also took samples of three demolition bombs and measured radiation levels in the area, moving around on foot or in vehicles. The group completed its assignment at 1335 hours and returned to the Canal Hotel at 1500 hours.

2. Second group

A second group, consisting of 13 inspectors, left the UNMOVIC office in Mosul at 0900 hours and travelled to the Ibn Sina state hospital also located in Mosul. Upon their arrival at 0930 hours, the inspectors toured the hospital, visiting the laboratories, canteen, buildings and facilities, and met with the Director, requesting him to provide clarifications concerning the number of doctors, their scientific diplomas and the services provided by the establishment. The group completed its assignment at 1120 hours and returned to the Nineveh Palace Hotel at 1130 hours.

IV. UNMOVIC biological inspection team

1. Group I

A team of 13 inspectors left the Canal Hotel in Baghdad at 0835 hours. The inspectors arrived at the Rashid Military Hospital, also located in Baghdad, at 0910 hours and requested information on the various parts of the laboratory, its activities, the specialists working there, the changes that had taken place in it and the type of samples analysed there. The team also inspected the entire site, studied the declarations in detail and carefully examined and then photographed the tagged equipment. It then went to the army's central medical laboratory, located near the Rachid military hospital, where it met the Director of the laboratory and questioned him about the laboratory's activities, the substances produced there, the reagents used and the changes that had taken place there since 1998. The inspectors also inspected the entire site before examining in detail and photographing the tagged equipment. They completed their work at 1345 hours and returned to the Canal Hotel at 1405 hours.

2. Group II

The team of 13 inspectors, which had just spent its second night in Basra, left the hotel at 0835 hours for the Faculty of Sciences, the Faculty of Medicine and the Centre for Oceanographic Studies of Basra University. They arrived at 0850 hours and proceeded to ask the specialists working in those establishments to provide information on their activities. They then carefully examined the equipment and supplies and inspected the various departments. The team completed its work at 1240 hours and returned to the Canal Hotel at 1300 hours.

V. UNMOVIC chemical inspection team

The team of 20 inspectors left the Canal Hotel at 0855 hours and arrived at the Jadiriyah complex, located in the Jadiriyah area of Baghdad, at 0925 hours. The inspectors went to the Bassil State Enterprise, an MIC affiliate specializing in research on petrochemicals, anti-corrosion products and ingredients for pharmaceutical products. The team met with the Director and asked him about the company's primary activities, the number of scientists on its staff and the type of research which it conducted. The team also inspected the laboratories and other buildings in the complex and asked the specialists working in the laboratories to provide information on their activities. It prohibited all movement throughout the complex, blocking the entrances and exits, including those of the following companies and sites:

1. Al-Khawarizmi State Enterprise, an MIC affiliate specializing in software;

2. Batani State Enterprise, an MIC affiliate specializing in the study of space and atmospheric layers;

3. Majd State Enterprise, an MIC affiliate specializing in engineering studies;

4. A Ministry of Commerce food analysis laboratory; and

5. A construction and glass research centre of the Ministry of Industry and Mining.

The team completed its work and returned to the Canal Hotel at 1530 hours.

VI. Remarks

There were an unusually large number of inspections that day, with 98 inspectors inspecting a total of 16 sites.